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TAGS: PINS

SUBJECT: ABDUCTION OF COLONEL MORGAN

REF: STATE 158225

1. WE ASSUME SOUHAIL WAMOUT,  
(AS RECEIVED). IS SOUHAIL YAMOUT, CO-OWNER OF LEBANESE  
CUMMUNIST PARTY WEEKLY EL AKHBAR. WE KNOW NABIL  
KHOURY VERY WELL AND NOT TOO FAVORABLY. WE ARE  
RELUCTANT TO APPROACH EITHER OF THESE MEN, FOR WE  
KNOW YASSER ARAFAT IS PERSONALLY AWARE MORGAN CASE  
AND SEE NO USE IN INVOLVING KHOURY OR YAMOUT. WE  
KNOW ALSO THAT ZUHAYR MUHSIN IS FULLY AWARE OUR  
INTEREST IN MORGAN CASE, THANKS TO IMMAM MUSA SADR  
AND OTHER SENSITIVE SOURCES.

2. AIRPORT CIRCLE OSTENSIBLY USUALLY "PROTECTED" BY  
LEBANESE GENDARMES, NOT REPEAT NOT MILITARY. NIGHT OF  
ABDUCTION WE KNOW AIRPORT CIRCLE WAS CONTROLLED BY  
HOSTILE ELEMENTS. BRITISH MILITARY ATTACHE STOPPED  
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AT APPROXIMATELY SAME POINT WHERE WE BELIEVE MORGAN

ABDUCTED AND WE INTERVIEWED YESTERDAY A DANISH CIVILIAN WHO WAS ALSO STOPPED AT THIS POINT APPROXIMATELY SAME TIME AS MORGAN. NEITHER OF THESE INDIVIDUALS, HOWEVER, CAN SHED ANY LIGHT ON MORGAN.

3. TAXI DRIVER HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED AT LENGTH TO MY SATISFACTION BY ARMA, DEFATT AS WELL AS G-2 OF BEIRUT MILITARY REGION. HIS NAME IS KAMAL AYACHE AND HE IS A SHI'A MOSLEM FROM NABATIYIE. WE HAVE NO REPEAT NO PRECISE INFORMATION RE AFFILIATION WITH PALESTINIAN GROUPS BUT I ASSUME THAT ANY TAXICAB DRIVER IN BEIRUT FROM NABATIYIE HAS AT SOME TIME RECENTLY BEEN APPROACHED BY PALESTINIANS FOR INTELLIGENCE OR OTHER SERVICES.

4. RESPONSIBLE JOURNALIST WITH CLOSE PALESTINIAN TIES HAS INFORMED PRESS OFFICER THAT MORNING JULY 3 PLO LEADERS, BOTH MILITARY AND CIVILIAN, INCLUDING ARAFAT AND PDFLP AND OTHER MAJOR ORGANIZATIONS DISCUSSED INTER ALIA MORGAN CASE.

5. PRESS OFFICER ALSO INFORMED LAST EVENING, JULY 3, THAT FORMER PRESIDENT, NOW MINISTER OF INTERIOR, CAMILLE CHAMOUN DISCUSSED MORGAN CASE WITH PALESTINIAN LEADERS. I AM SEEING PRESIDENT FRANGIE THIS EVENING. WILL OF COURSE MENTION MORGAN.

6. BELIEVE WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE BUT ANY SUGGESTIONS ARE ALWAYS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.  
GODLEY

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